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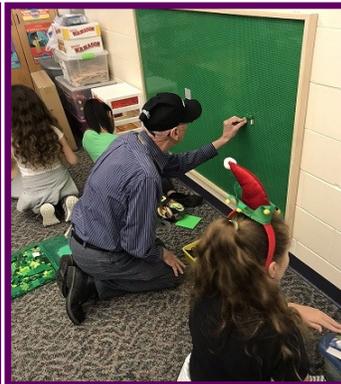
## Senior Citizens Get A Kick Out Of Madison Park's Makerspace



On December 10, 2019, The Madison Park Student Council hosted the senior citizens from Silver Linings in Old Bridge. They were treated to a Holiday breakfast and were given a hands on overview of our Makerspace and the latest technology during their visit.

There were a variety of different stations set up for them to explore. Students showcased how to use Ozobots, Osmo, Legos, Wedo Legos 2.0, and we can't forget our fun with the green screen. Student council students explained how each program and device worked and had the seniors give it a try.

Everyone was very interested and certainly engaged. We can't wait until the Spring to invite them back again!



## January 2020

### January 1 — 10

- 1—New Year's Day
- 2—Schools Reopen
- 7— BOE Organization Meeting  
7:30 BOE Conference Rm

### January 11 — 18

- 14 — BOE Agenda Session  
7:30 BOE Conference Rm
- 15 — Early Dismissal  
PLC Day for Staff

### January 19 — 25

- 20 — Schools Closed  
Dr. Martin Luther King Day
- 21 — BOE Regular Meeting  
7:30 OBHS TV Studio

### January 26 — 31

- 27 — OBHS  
Second Marking Period Ends

## ***OBHS Educator Nominated for National LifeChanger of the Year Award***



An Old Bridge High School special education teacher has been nominated for the 2019-2020 national LifeChanger of the Year award.

Jessica DiMino, a special educator teacher, was nominated by a family member, Caroline Green, for DiMino's "tireless dedication to changing lives. In the classroom, she's dedicated to helping her students grow and has continuously worked to identify innovative ways to teach."

Green wrote that DiMino's extraordinary desire to take teaching to the next level sparked the idea to partner with a local supermarket, ShopRite, to open a small sub-store within the school. "She transformed an ordinary room at the school into a full-functioning

convenience store," Green said.

The store employs a handful of special education students to instill them with real-life skills such as a face-to-face communication and money management. Over the past three years, "the ShopRite program has come to life, helping DiMino's students make great strides in both educational and personal growth," Green said. "Jessica's perseverance and dedication have really revolutionized the overall Special Education teaching process," said Green. "She is truly a LifeChanger, not just to me, but to the entire town."

Sponsored by the National Life Group Foundation, LifeChanger of the Year recognizes and rewards the very best K-12 educators and school district employees across the United States who are making differences in the lives of students by exemplifying excellence, positive influence, and leadership.

Each school year, LifeChanger of the Year receives hundreds of nominations from all 50 states and the District of Columbia. Seventeen individual LifeChanger of the Year awards will be given during the 2019-2020 school year, including a grand prize of \$10,000 to be shared with their school district.

Winners are announced via surprise award ceremonies held at their schools. The grand prize finalists also will be honored at a national awards ceremony in April 2020 in Florida, where the grand prize winner will be revealed. Winners are chosen by a selection committee comprised of former winners and education professionals.

Nominees must be K-12 teachers or school district employees. To be considered for an award, nominees must:

- make a positive impact in the lives of students
- enhance their school or district's atmosphere, culture and pride
- demonstrate exemplary leadership at the school and/or district level
- possess a proven record of professional excellence
- show commitment to building a nurturing environment that supports learning
- adhere to the highest moral and ethical standards.

When Old Bridge Schools Superintendent David Cittadino heard the news, he immediately took to Twitter and wrote: "Congratulations to OBHS teacher Jessica DiMino a nominee for the National Life Group's LIFE CHANGER of the YEAR. The award goes to K-12 school employees who make a positive difference in the lives of students. Well deserved!"

"I am so appreciative for them to think of me," she said. "But it is educators, as a whole, who don't get the recognition they should. For me personally, I was blown away – so emotional. I am so blessed for my wonderful life and career." by Lori Luicci, District Public Relations Coordinator

## Let's Go, NJ...Let's Go, Miller!

Miller students were beyond excited during a fun and interactive assembly that took place on December 10, 2019. The Miller family is also honored and proud of our students, as we learned that only seventy schools in the state of NJ are chosen to participate in this program, based on good choices/behavior, and great character!

The NJ Devil's Healthy Hat Trick is a school-based assembly program geared towards elementary & middle school students throughout the state of New Jersey. It teaches the importance of maintaining an active and healthy lifestyle. Their motto and challenge to students is: Be Educated, Be Healthy, Be Active. The NJ Devil's Healthy Hat Trick name is derived from the FUNdamentals of hockey...A hat trick in hockey is when a player scores three goals in a single game. Hundreds of hats thrown by fans will "decorate" the ice to celebrate the player scoring the hat trick. Hats are donated to charity.

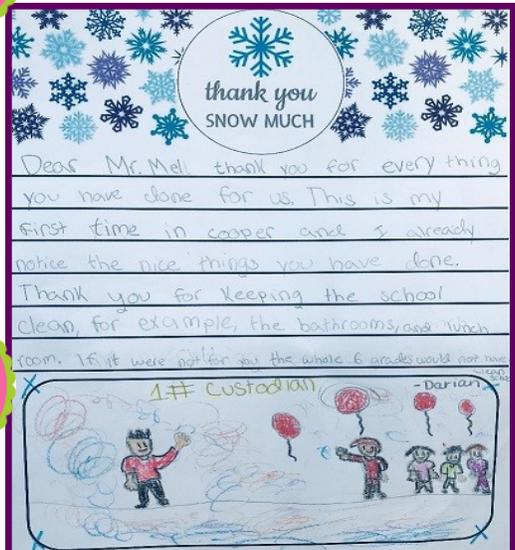
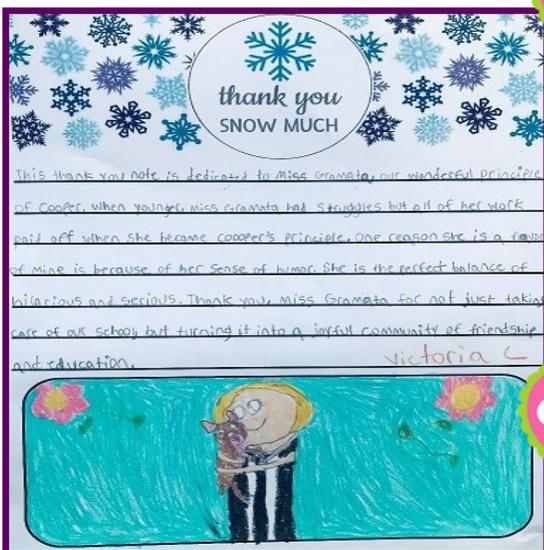
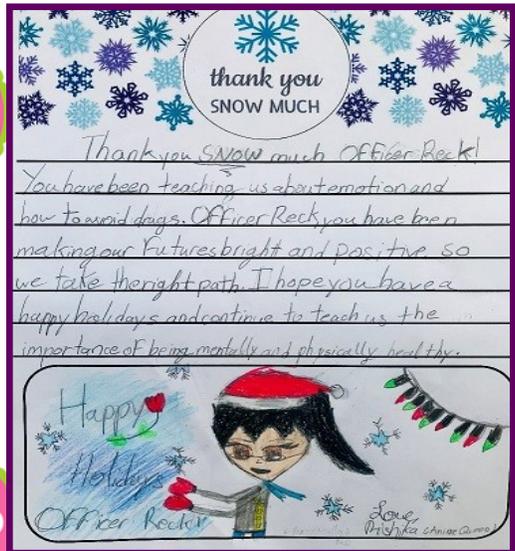
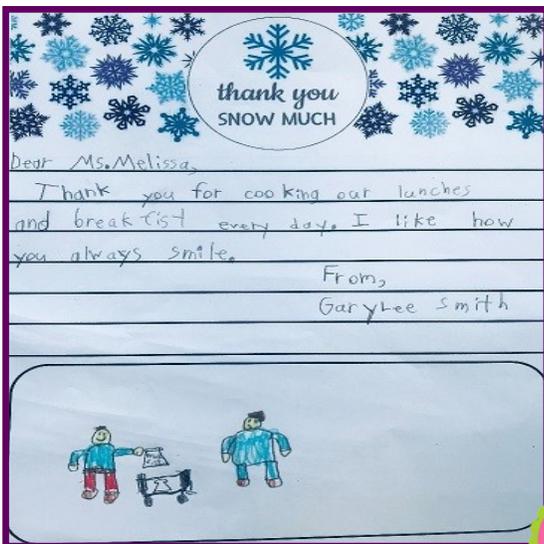
Our assembly was hosted by Goldin Martinez, founder of "Get Focused", and performed by NJ Devil, the official mascot of the New Jersey Devils. Students were excited when their chanting, "Wake up NJ!" and "Let's go NJ!", brought #001 NJ Devil to Miller School! Together, this enthusiastic and energetic duo, Goldin and NJ, taught our students the importance of their motto. BE EDUCATED: Exercise your mind by reading every day. Listen to your coaches (teachers). Get a good night's sleep. Students were chosen to play with NJ and demonstrate how STEM is used in hockey strategy, such as angles, surface, and force. BE HEALTHY: Make good/healthy food choices and perform at a higher level. BE ACTIVE: Miller students were on their feet jogging in place, doing jumping jacks, and performing a victory dance!

Goldin and NJ validated Miller students as they completed the NJ Devil's Healthy Hat Trick program. However, a proclamation wasn't good enough...They graciously gave official NJ Devils hats and books to every student in every class! They also generously donated hockey equipment to our school! In closing, all Miller students raised their hands and made the "Kid Promise" ...I William A. Miller commit myself to being educated, being healthy, and being active. Get Focused! "Let's go NJ! Let's go Miller!"



# Cooper Elementary School's Gratitude Campaign

This year, Cooper School counselor Nicole Benz decided to launch a school-wide event to provide an opportunity for staff and students to take a moment to reflect. As we all know, during the holiday season, it is very easy to get excited about presents, lights, days off from school and work, but what we tend to put on the back burner is the gratitude we have for others and realizing what we are thankful for. Ms. Benz believes that a powerful way to show gratitude is to deliver a handwritten note to someone to express your thoughts and feelings. Therefore, Cooper Elementary implemented a Gratitude Campaign! The motto of the campaign is "having an attitude of gratitude"! Students were given the opportunity to write letters or messages of gratitude to any staff member in the school, highlighting a special memory, or simply just thanking them for making a difference every day. Ms. Benz visited classrooms to discuss the motto and inspire students to be creative. Throughout the classroom visits, the counselor was elated to hear all the positivity and appreciative messages being crafted. The letters were written during class, pictures were drawn and colored, and then rolled up, secured with a beautiful bow, and hand delivered to various recipients. The smiles were endless, and staff was completely in awe of how individual and well thought out the messages were. This campaign surely spread holiday cheer and warmed the hearts of those who received them. Who are your grateful for this holiday season? Drop them a message.



## ***Carpenter and Schirra Schools Learn to Code***



**Learning  
How to Code**

The students at Carpenter and Schirra are learning to code in many different ways to celebrate the week of Computer Science. Kindergarten students have started to learn code by using arrows to retell the story of *We're Going on A Bear Hunt* and they got to code with the code-a-pillar. The older students enjoyed working with the Ozobots to create code on paper using colored markers. They watched the Ozobot move around the paper following the directions they created. Some of the classes enjoyed learning to code using Code Mouse, Code Ozmo, and all the fun coding websites on the computer. Coding is a great way to problem solve and to learn how to try things out and make mistakes because you can always fix it to make it work. Students really worked well together to figure out the different ways to code.

## ***Gingerbread House Building at Madison Park***

Students in Mrs. Johnson's fifth grade math class applied their knowledge of multiple common core math skills while constructing gingerbread houses. After reviewing the parts to be assembled, builders-in-training measured to find perimeter and area. Following comparisons of answers with peers and a group discussion, students studied the different gingerbread patterns to classify two-dimensional figures and convert inches to millimeters to centimeters.

"This was a fun hands-on activity to practice adding and multiplying multi-digit numbers with decimals," noted Mrs. Johnson. "Students were also able to compare and contrast area to volume and to write and interpret numerical expressions." Furthermore, students learned other valuable lessons including the importance of patience, teamwork, and following written directions.

This project was completed using store-bought kits, but next year Mrs. Johnson plans to incorporate more measurement skills into the lesson by teaching the students to follow a recipe in order to make the gingerbread house parts, perhaps even encouraging the students to create their own architectural designs for the houses.



## Shepard School Creates Stocking for Soldiers

For the second year in a row, students at Shepard have worked with Mrs. Tara Bullen of Hegarty-Scalia Funeral Home of Old Bridge to brighten the lives of soldiers stationed overseas. The students donated empty stockings, snacks, drink mixes, toiletries, books, first aid items, and socks. These donations were assembled in to filled stockings, complete with student made cards. This year, Shepard created 67 filled stockings and presented the stockings to Mrs. Bullen during their assembly on Caring. Mrs. Bullen collected over 4500 stockings from donations of Old Bridge residents, which far surpassed last year’s collection. Happy holidays to all our soldiers overseas!



## Paying It Forward



Old Bridge PTA Presidents’ Council Raises \$10,000 for Holiday Meals for Needy Families  
 The Old Bridge PTA Presidents’ Council participated in a Pay It Forward Activity, raising about \$10,000 to provide food for families in the community for Thanksgiving.

The PTA presidents asked their schools’ principals how many families were in need of Thanksgiving dinners for the holiday. As a result, 74 families were provided fully cooked Thanksgiving meals with all the trimmings, which were purchased from Stop & Shop on Route 34 in Matawan. The families also received a \$60 Walmart gift card along with Thanksgiving plates, napkins, a platter, and a table centerpiece.

The PTA Presidents Council distributed postcards, which were given to the families with instructions on how and when they could pick up their dinners. Some families requested that their food be delivered to their homes; PTA Presidents’ Council board members honored those requests.

The money was raised through a variety of activities, including a collection at each school’s PTA meeting and a Music Bingo event, which brought in more than \$1,000 for the dinners. Some schools held a coin collection with Shepard Elementary School taking in \$693. In addition, the PTA Presidents’ Council received a \$500 Pride Grant from the Old Bridge Education Association and the OBHS football team donated \$500. by Lori Luicci, District Public Relations Coordinator

## ***OBHS Dedicating Military Wall of Honor***

A Military Wall of Honor dedicated to Old Bridge High School students who joined the armed forces after graduation is expected to be established this year. The school is in the process of identifying military alumni (active duty or reservists).

The wall is meant to commemorate graduates who have given their lives to honor their country.

"There is a lot of pressure to attend college after graduation, and most students feel they have to conform to that," said Guy Lassen, history teacher. "There is a lot of stigma toward students who aim to enter the armed forces after high school, but college isn't for everyone."

Lassen came up with the idea of establishing a Military Wall of Honor at Old Bridge after visiting his daughter's high school, which had a wall dedicated to veteran alumni.

"Old Bridge does a great job honoring athletes and scholars, but it seems no one honors kids who join the military after graduation," said Lassen. "I want them to realize that it is an honorable thing."

"We need these students to know that we do care," said Sally Fazio, vice principal. "Joining the armed forces saves a lot of kids. We hope that the wall will inspire other students to consider serving after high school."

"It seems that the younger generation may not appreciate veterans in a respectable way," said Lassen.

The memorial aims to shine a light on the importance of veterans within the Old Bridge community.

"Veterans give a blank check to the United States government handing over their lives," said Chief Master Sgt. Brian Kilpatrick. "We do this to preserve the freedoms of this country, and we are willing to die for the people of it. The hope is to open the eyes of students and influence them to consider joining."

Residents are urged to assist with the project by spreading the word of the proposed military wall. The high school is looking for graduates from 1995 through the present.

Please submit information using the following link:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSev1sK7AIQ6KvNb2iqUz6I7UgFmPBjXBpMbkAR2luRwkUeVQQ/viewform>

For any additional information, please contact Guy Lassen at [glassen@obps.org](mailto:glassen@obps.org). by Lori Luicci, District Public Relations Coordinator

## ***Sock Hop at Schirra School***



The 50th day of school arrived on November 21st and the students and teachers at Schirra School enjoyed celebrating. Students and staff got all dressed up in their 50's fashion. The Kindergarten, 1st, 2nd and 5th graders enjoyed a Sock Hop where they danced the Chicken Dance, the Hokey Pokey, the Hand Jive and even did the Limbo. Some of the classes did different activities in their classroom to celebrate the 50th day. The first graders came up with something they would like to have 50 of and something they wouldn't like to have 50 off. The kindergarten students The students really enjoyed themselves and the styles of the 50's.

## ***Inclusion Week at Schirra School***



The students at Schirra spent the week of December 2-6 participating in Inclusion Week. Each day there were different activities completed together. The students started off the week completing portraits of themselves and having their classmates write kind words about each other. On one day, the students were asked to dress in their favorite color, and at lunch their table for the day was decided by the coloring of their shirt. This gave them a chance to sit with people they usually don't get to sit with. Students also enjoyed getting together with different grade levels to complete various Stem Activities. The final day, each student created a bracelet and then gave it to a friend to wear. This was a great way for the students to participate in Inclusion Week.

## ***Madison Park's Makerspace Journey***



Madison Park Elementary has embarked on a new journey this year called Makerspace/STEAM. Our journey is focused on, step by step instruction's, small group settings with flexible seating, differentiated instruction and personalized learning based on students' interests and needs. Facilitated by our teachers and staff in grades K-5. In this space, we are allowing our students to engage in Project Based Learning and explore Maker Education.

What is Project Based Learning and Maker Education? Project Based Learning is a method which engages students in learning through sustained focus on a project and usually brings together many different subject areas. Maker Education focused on bringing together Science, Math, Technology, Engineering, and Art (S.T.E.A.M.) in a student-centered creative way. Making combines new technologies with old-school arts and crafts, and vocational education. Why Project Based Learning and Maker Education at Madison Park?

The goal is to increase student: engagement through hands on learning with a real world focus ownership of learning creativity, flexibility, adaptability ability to think deeply, critically, and over long periods of time to solve complex problems awareness of the ability to be agents of change in their community's knowledge that they are producers, not just consumers.

Our Makerspace is located in our library. This location is ideal because anyone walking through the library has the opportunity to see all of the amazing things that are taking place in the Makerspace. Students can often be found coding with or without robots, using Code.org, Ozobots, or WeDo Legos 2.0. You may witness students recording green screen videos using the DoInk app for green screen, by making amazing creations from their ideas and dreams. We can't forget the Keva Planks! Watching students use this tool to build and create structures with a starting point and an end point is exciting. The positive energy and excitement your students have when they accomplish their goal is something all teachers deserve to witness and feel.

As I look back on these past few months, we have conquered and explored so many activities in such a short amount of time. As a school, we all can't help but feel grateful and thankful for this wonderful opportunity. It is safe to say that our students at Madison Park..... LOVE MAKERSPACE!!!

## *Inclusive Schools Week at Memorial School*



Mrs. Desiderio's and Mrs. Yanuzzi's second grade classes celebrated Inclusive Schools Week by working together to complete several fun projects. First, the students read the book, "I'm Not Just a Scribble," which is a wonderful rhyming story about a character called Scribble. In the story, Scribble looks different than the other drawings in the story, and because of that, the other drawings in the book don't want to play with him. Mrs. Desiderio's and Mrs. Yanuzzi's students discovered that by the end of the story, all the drawings learn to see the beauty in each other and together have fun making beautiful art. After reading and sharing ideas about the story and how important it is to accept each other, students worked together to create their own Scribble sticker art and then shared their artwork with the entire class. All the drawings were just wonderful!

As a culminating activity for Inclusive Schools Week, the students in Mrs. Yanuzzi's and Mrs. Desiderio's classes worked together to complete a challenging STEM activity. Each team was given a piece of tin foil and had to brainstorm together and decide what would be the best way to fold up the sides of the tin foil in order to create a boat that would float in the water. Once they constructed their boat and tested it in a container of water to make sure that it would float successfully, then they had to add coins into their boat to see how many coins it would hold without sinking. Everyone had lots of fun building their boats and working together to make a boat that would successfully carry coins in the water. Teamwork makes the Dreamwork at Memorial School!

All the students learned the lyrics and the sign language for the words to their inclusion song, "If You Don't Include." It was a lot of fun learning how to "talk" in sign language and discover that there are many different ways to talk with each other. Mr. Jim Yanuzzi, OB Technology Integration Specialist, filmed the students singing and signing and created a wonderful music video to share with everyone. The music video is posted as a Tweet on Memorial's School website for all to enjoy!



## OBHS Student Supports Make-A-Wish



A sophomore at Old Bridge High School collected 211,729 holiday letters for Make-A-Wish through Macy's BELIEVE campaign to help the organization that made his dream become a reality.

AJ Silvestri, with the help of his supporters from the Old Bridge Township schools, other NJ communities, and countries outside the US, has collected close to 500,000 letters since 2016. This year's collection of letters represents one of the larger on the East Coast.

According to Joseph DePalma, the vice president store manager of Brunswick Square Macy's, the store is the fourth largest letter

drop for this day on the East Coast. He called the experience with AJ and Make-A-Wish "transformational". Old Bridge Mayor Owen Henry agreed. "You've done a great thing," he said. "I am proud of you."

Each year, he, along with family and friends, drops off boxes spilling over with letters on National Believe Day, at Macy's in the Brunswick Square Mall, East Brunswick. This year he delivered on Friday, Dec. 6 with the help of the South Old Bridge Volunteer Fire Department and the Old Bridge Police, who escorted Silvestri to the mall.

Silvestri, who has Cystic Fibrosis, was granted a wish seven years ago by Make-A-Wish New Jersey, who creates life-changing wishes for children with critical illnesses. Cystic Fibrosis is a chronic, progressive and life limiting genetic disease that affects specifically AJ's lungs and gastrointestinal system, according to his mother Kerryann S. Silvestri.

Once again, AJ's letters play a significant role in helping Macy's and Make-A-Wish reach their \$1 million National Believe Day goal. This year marks the 12th annual BELIEVE campaign between Macy's and Make-A-Wish. From the beginning of November through Dec. 24, "believers" of all ages can mail letters to Santa at the big red letterbox at any local Macy's store or online at [macys.com/believe](http://macys.com/believe). For every letter received in store or online, Macy's will donate \$1 to Make-A-Wish, up to \$1 million, to help grant the wishes of children with critical illnesses. Letters delivered on Friday, Dec. 6, National Believe Day, to any Macy's nationwide -- the day AJ made his delivery -- count for a \$2 contribution from Macy's per letter, up to an additional \$1 million, bringing the total campaign to a possible \$2 million.

Silvestri committed to beating last year's year record and to give back to the organization, who gave him and his family the opportunity to take the trip of a lifetime, one week after Superstorm Sandy. On the trip, they met the cast of the History Channel show "Pawn Stars" and watched them film a segment with AJ's favorite personality, Chum Lee. They also met the cast from the show "American Restoration".

According to Old Bridge Schools Superintendent David Cittadino, the letters AJ collected will help to enable many more children like AJ to have their wishes granted. He also pointed out how one student, along with Make-A-Wish, can affect a community. He called AJ an "inspiration".

With support from the Macy's Believe campaign, Make-A-Wish provides children with critical illnesses the chance to experience life beyond their illness and see their most heartfelt wish come true, allowing them to replace fear with confidence, anxiety with hope and sadness with joy. Since 2003, Macy's has donated more than \$122 million to Make-A-Wish, including more than \$19 million through the annual Believe campaign. For additional questions regarding Make-A-Wish, contact Michael Dominick, Director of Communications, at [mdominick@nj.wish.org](mailto:mdominick@nj.wish.org) 215.272.5032. by Lori Luicci, District Public Relations Coordinator

## ***JSMS Animal Club Donate More Than \$2,000 to Shelter***



Salk Animal Club Donates More Than \$2,000 in Food, Supplies to Local Shelter. Members of the Jonas Salk Middle School Animal Club dropped off donations and supplies they collected over the holiday season to the Old Bridge Animal Shelter.

The students in grades 6-8 donated more than \$2,000 in food and supplies. In addition, Chewy.com made a surprise drop off that included specialty items and prescription food that are not typically donated. The Junior National Honor Society (JNHS) lent a helping hand and accompanied the club to the shelter.

"I love helping the animals that are looking for homes," said Miranda Sill, a member of the animal club. Another member, Jayla Jackson, said her favorite part of trip was when Schools Superintendent David Cittadino brought his dog, Daisy, to meet the group.

The club was accompanied by advisers Daniel Sullivan and Amanda Vanderstar. JNHS advisers Melissa Lynch and Kathy Kelly helped in the transportation of the supplies to the shelter. by Lori Luicci, District Public Relations Coordinator



## ***Spanish Honor Societies Donate to Foodbank***

The Spanish Honor Society joined with the Spanish Junior Honor Society to donate canned food and other non perishable items to a local food bank that services the Hispanic Community. We are proud of our honor societies in their joint effort to support local communities. ¡Damos gracias por nuestros estuدياتes!



## Hour of Code at Memorial School



All students in grades K through 5 at Memorial School participated in the 2019 global learning event called “The Hour of Code” in recognition of Computer Science Education Week, from December 9th to December 13th, 2019. In every computer class during the Hour of Code week, students were challenged to learn about computer programming, using different self-paced programs in Code.org for each grade level. In grades K and 1, students practiced their mousing skills to click and drag blocks of code, using a visual programming language called Blockly. Fifth grade students provided encouragement and support for grade K students, pairing as “Coding Ambassadors” during computer class. Students in

grades 1 and 2 worked in Blockly coding programs that also included advanced coding skills like repeat blocks. Third graders were introduced to the concept of artificial intelligence in the coding program, “AI for Oceans,” in which they learned that computer science can help to solve global issues. Students first “taught” a robot how to separate fish from trash to clean up the ocean and then wrote lines of code in a program called, “Beach Cleanup with Kodable” to collect trash on the beach.

Fourth graders applied their computational thinking skills and logic by learning how to write code using a text-based language called CoffeeScript, in the challenging coding program, “Coding Adventure.” Fifth graders were introduced to fundamental concepts in Python, a text-based programming language and used their computational thinking skills, logic and reasoning abilities to complete 21 challenging activities in the coding program “Banana Tales.” Students also had fun applying the coding skills they learned during the 2019 Hour of Code week at Memorial School. They worked together in teams and coded a robot mouse using basic coding concepts to successfully navigate through a maze they built themselves on an actual grid. Mrs. Cotugno’s students in grades K, 1 and 2 had a blast learning all about coding by using different plugged and unplugged activities to create lines of code.

During the 2019 Hour of Code week at Memorial School, students had lots of fun solving puzzles, writing lines of code and learning how to program a computer. Students became problem solvers, used logic skills, and identified patterns in order to solve complex puzzles and tasks. They encouraged each other and collaborated on strategies to use to problem solve together. Students discovered that everyone can write a line of code, have fun learning and take the first steps in becoming a digital architect of tomorrow.



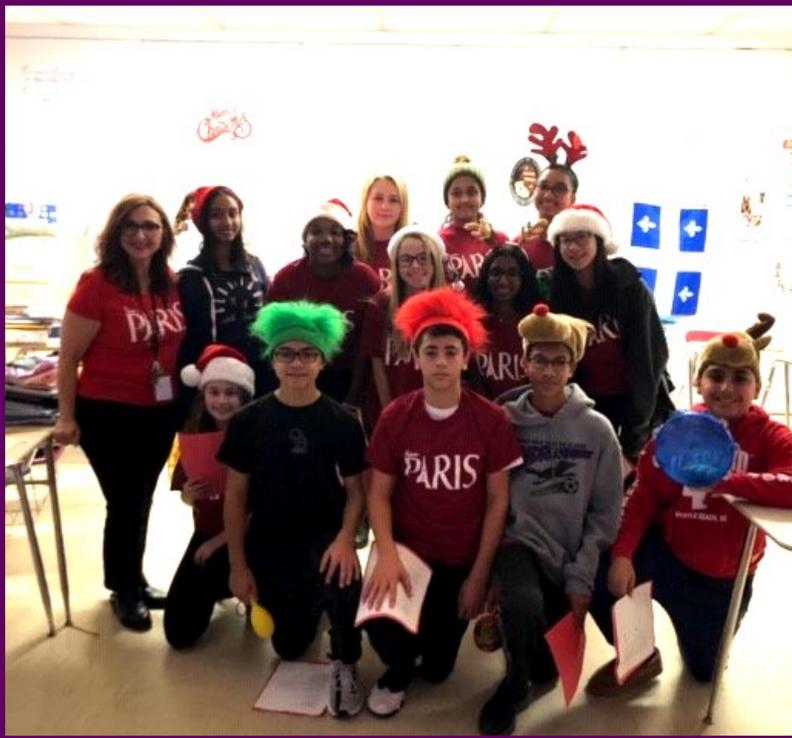
## Holidays in the Halls

Students arriving at various schools were treated to holiday music by their instrumental teachers and accompanying students.



## JSMS French Students Go Christmas Caroling

JSMS French students went around the school spreading holiday cheer singing carols for other students.



## OB Tweets



**OBHS Knightly WrapUp**  
@KnightlyWrapUp

Here is our annual Knightly Wrap Up Holiday Spectacular featuring a short holiday film and our 12 Days of Old Bridge. Happy Holidays and Happy New Year from our TV family to yours. Have a wonderful break! @obhs\_announce @OBSupCittadino @FazioSally

[youtube.com/watch?v=6lbd3...](https://youtube.com/watch?v=6lbd3...)



**Coach Alspach** @CoachAlspach · Jan 1

The year is 2020, you're either with us or you are against us #OBGB #PEP #GetBetterEveryDay 🏀🏈🏒



**Natasha Rivera** @NatashaRRivera · 18h

#SandburgESL is excited for 2020!! #SandburgStrong



# IN 2020

 VALENTINE'S DAY IS A **FRIDAY** 

 4TH OF JULY IS A **SATURDAY** 

 HALLOWEEN IS A **SATURDAY** 

 CHRISTMAS IS A **FRIDAY** 

 THE NEW YEAR STARTS WITH A **3-DAY WEEKEND** 

# Old Bridge Public Library News...

## National Bird Day

**Sunday, January 5th @ 2pm**

Join us on National Bird Day for an informational presentation about birds you might see around Old Bridge. You'll also have a chance to make your own backyard bird feeder. Recommended for ages 7 and up.

## Take Control of the College Application Process

**Saturday, January 18th @ 11am**

Lisa Helyes, Director of College Planning at Old Bridge-based College GPS, will present this helpful session. It will explore the importance of doing your research, being proactive, making a good impression in person and online and will also provide organizational tips.

## Zumba for Kids!

**Sunday, January 19th @ 2pm and 3pm**

A certified Zumba instructor will lead children in a rocking, high-energy dance routine packed with kid-friendly exercises. The 2pm session is for kids ages 4-6, and the 3pm session for kids 7-14

## Soapmaking 101

**Saturday, January 25th @ 2pm**

Interested in learning how to make your own soap? If so, join La Shonda Tyree of Nyah Beauty as she guides us through the process of making handmade natural soap. Make sure to bring your creativity, as there will be lots of scents and colors to choose from. Great for Valentine's Day gifts or as a special treat for yourself. Limited to 10 participants.

**Registration is required for all these programs, by calling 732-721-5600 x5033 or at: [www.oldbridgelibrary.org](http://www.oldbridgelibrary.org).**

## Organizing for the Creative Mind Thursday, January 9th @6:30pm

Are you a creative person who struggles with being organized? Does your stuff seem to take on a life of its own? This fun workshop shares right-brain styles for conquering clutter, mastering time, and reaching your goals. Certified Professional Organizer® Amara Willey helps you unlock your creative power to organize your desk, your time and your life, all in a manner consistent with the way creative people think.



## Second Saturday Concert Event:

**Glen Crytzer Trio  
Saturday, January 11th  
@2:30pm**



Don't miss this fantastic vintage American jazz trio, featuring big band favorites from Benny Goodman, Artie Shaw, Count Basie, Glenn Miller and Duke Ellington.

Attendees are asked to bring a non-perishable, unexpired food donation for the Old Bridge Food Bank to this free event.



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